

**Calendar of Events** - week of March 22

**Sunday - One Great Hour of Sharing**

- 8:30 United Methodist Men - Asbury Hall
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:15 Children's practice
- 10:30 Morning Worship
- 12:00 LLS rehearsal - sanctuary
- 4:00 Girl Scout Gold Award - sanctuary
- 5:30 UMYF; Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 Confirmation Class

**Monday**

- 12:00 Emmaus
- 1:30 Prayer Group - library

**Tuesday**

- 9:30 Senior Adult Aerobics
- 1:30 Christian Woman's Club - library

**Wednesday**

- 12 - 2:00 Pre-school program
- 5:00 Lenten Study - library
- 6:00 WEF dinner - Wesley Hall  
Family Game night/supper - Asbury Hall
- 7:00 Adult Choir
- 7:15 United Ministry Council - Wesley Hall
- 8:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - choir room

**Thursday**

- 8:00 a.m. Camp Rockfish Clean-up Day
- 3:30 - 5:00 Girl Scout Troop 855

**Friday - Women's Emmaus Walk**

- 9:30 Senior Adult Aerobics - Asbury Hall
- 5:00 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Retreat

**Saturday**

**10:30 - 11:30 - Feed the Hungry (Asbury Hall)**

Note: new webpage address: [www.chestnutst.org](http://www.chestnutst.org)  
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**Sunday Helpers - Sunday, March 22**

**Ushers:** Buddy Bodiford, Garry Kennedy, Mat Patterson, Dodie Taylor

**Lector:** Tim Bell

**Acolytes:** Callie Davis, Madison Britt

**Snack & Chat:** Morning Glories S/S Class

**Trustee of the Month:** Eddie Smith

**Wesley Pines Bus Ministry:** Duncan McGugan

**Offering Verification:** Laura Lynn Bailey, Debra Lewis

**Nursery Ministry:** Brittany Gaines/Heather Miller

**Stephen Minister:** Dot Wilkerson

**The Covenant Sunday School Class will sponsor "Feed the Hungry Ministry" on Saturday, March 28 in Asbury Hall from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Please join us!**

**Attendance & Visitors - March 15, 2009**

Sunday School	132
Traditional Service	197

**Visitors - Sunday, March 15**

Ben, Heather, Betsie & Charlie Miller, Becky Pfaff, Frank Daughtrey, Brad Bowers, Charlie, Sara, Steven & Jamie Czagas, Annika & Ashley Starling

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
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# THE NUTSHELL

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**LENTEN STUDY - Revolutionizing Christian Stewardship for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, D.R. Dick**  
**CHAPTER 4 - At home in the darkness: What we do not know can hurt us.**

This chapter challenges us to look at the greatest resource of the church – the people which have been gifted by God.

For too many years, church nominating committees (Lay Leadership Committee) have focused on filling positions rather than on discovering, developing, and using the spiritual gifts of persons in ministry where they are gifted. This chapter gives us some telling examples. Here are a couple:

(1) At a leadership training event, the pastor instructed the leaders to bring a Bible, paper, pencil and his/her favorite tool. Some brought hammers and drills; some brought mops and brooms. One woman brought her laptop computer, another brought a telephone and one man drove his garden tractor to the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting the pastor told the group they were to take the tools outside and do something to beautify the grounds. Those who brought lawn equipment were pleased and went right to work. Some modified their tools to be able to participate, while others sat down and watched. When the group reconvened they were asked to tell him how they felt about the exercise. Those who brought appropriate tools felt very good. The few who modified their tools felt awkward and the work was difficult but they had fun. However, those who brought totally inappropriate tools felt frustrated and left out. They expressed feelings of boredom, anger, alienation or stupidity. We see here the importance of enabling persons to serve where they are spiritually gifted.

(2) Another area for attention is the way we define the spiritual gifts in our congregation. *Example:* A group of church leaders attended a workshop on spiritual gifts. Toward the end of the workshop the group talked about the results of the spiritual gifts survey that each person had filled out. One woman, a gentle, soft-spoken member named Gladys, had been silent through the workshop. She is the kind of person who is often overlooked. It was Gladys' turn to share her 2 strongest gifts. She reported they were teaching and leadership. The lay leader said, "Gladys a teacher? You couldn't catch her in front of a group of people teaching for anything. And a leader? Gladys is the consummate follower!" Everyone in the room laughed. Then one woman spoke up, "You know, I was new to the administrative council last year and I didn't have the slightest idea what I was to do. (continued next page)

### **Lenten Study continued**

Gladys explained everything to me. She gave me not only a thorough explanation of our church but of the whole UMC.” A young man said, “My wife and I came from a Lutheran church and had no idea what made Methodists Methodist. Gladys came to our home and talked with us.” Another lady said Gladys taught her how to attach the quilt squares and stuff batting when we had the quilting group. One by one, everyone at the table recalled a time when Gladys had taught him/her something. One person said, “She had the knack for getting the message across. Gladys has the gift.” You get the picture?

This chapter (p.57) says, “Some people lead from the front, while others lead from the rear. Some people teach in front of a class, some teach one-on-one. Some evangelists travel door to door, while others broadcast a powerful witness through the way they live their lives. Once more, it is vital to focus on the people who make up the community of faith instead of on the institution to which they belong. This is a radical shift from many of today’s churches.”

#### **Questions for Reflection and Discussion**

1. What are my specific, God-given gifts for ministry? How do I use these gifts in my daily living? What am I doing to develop my gifts?
2. In what ways is our congregation gifted? What are our strengths & how do we build on them? Are we spending too much time focusing on our weaknesses?
3. Do we design our congregation so that it is open to the varied gifts of newcomers? Do we try to manipulate people to fit our system?

### **CANNED FOOD FOR RCC&CC**

A grocery shopping cart for the collection of canned goods for Robeson County Church and Community Center will be located in the church narthex. Each Sunday morning you may bring a canned food item for the Home Store. They are in need of canned fruit so we will be collecting canned fruit for the rest of March and into April. We would love to see parents encourage their children to become involved with this mission project. - The Mission Committee

### **Lenten Worship**

*Mark your calendars and plan to attend these special services.*

- Monday - April 6 @ Chestnut St. UMC  
Tuesday - April 7 @ First Presby. Church  
Wednesday - April 8 @ First Baptist Church  
Thursday - April 9 @ St. Mark’s Lutheran  
Friday - April 10 @ Trinity Episcopal Church

### **Circuit Riders**

April 4 - Lexington, S.C.- "The Real Easter Story" presented by the First Baptist Church in Lexington. Depart at 9:00 a.m. Lunch at Lizard's Thicket in Columbia. Play at 1:00 p.m. Tour of Museum. Cost \$10 for gas and tour due March 20. Home around 7:00 p.m. Four spaces left.

April 19 - Landfall - Barbara McKenzie's piano concert.

May 2 - Sanford - Pottery Festival - 8 spaces left.

### **Senior Adult Advisory Council**

Something new has been added to the Adult Ministries. We have a new Advisory Council for Adult Ministries. They met in March and made some decisions about our Wednesday Nighter. We discussed food, place of meeting, and more positive input into our Wednesday Nighters. Those serving on the committee are the following: Dot Davis, Margaret White, Pete and Joyce Gammon, Bess and Jimmy Harrington, Beth and Mitch Mitchell, Edith Duncan, Phiena and Bill Doares. Thank you for serving and being of service to others that may know of new and better ways of making Adult Ministries more effective.

### **Nurse of the Week - Pat Horne**

Give Pat a call for your questions for health needs. She is always happy to help!

### **Special Person of the Month - Martha McKinnon**

Give Martha a call, card, or visit and let her know how much you care for her this week. Let her know how much she means to our church.

### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

This coming Sunday you will be provided the opportunity to give an offering for *One Great Hour of Sharing*. This offering underwrites costs of doing business and helps UMCOR keep their promise that 100 percent of every gift you make goes to a specific cause. UMCOR helps with hunger, refugees, and disaster relief.

### **LIVING LAST SUPPER REHEARSAL**

There will be a Living Last Supper rehearsal immediately following worship on Sunday, March 22nd. We will start setting up the props right after church and hope to begin at 12:00 noon sharp with rehearsal. Please make every attempt to be here.



Special Mission Recognition has been awarded to Roberta Scipio, 2120 Kentucky Circle in Lumberton, N.C. This is from the United Methodist Women from the Rockingham District of the North Carolina Methodist Conference. A gift for ministries with women, children and youth has been forwarded to: The Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church. This is the second time, Roberta has been awarded this recognition. The first time was in September 2003. Roberta graduated from

Redstone High School in Lumberton, attended Barber Scotia College in Concord and earned her BS degree in elementary education at Elizabeth City. She began her teaching career in Robeson County in the 1940s. She became very active in St. James UMC in Pembroke where she worked with the children and organized an adult chancel choir. Now she is a member of Chestnut United Methodist Church where she sang in their chancel choir for 30 years. She was elected United Methodist Women's president for the Rockingham District in 1995.

### Volunteers Needed - Missions on the Move

Please help us assemble food bags on April 25<sup>th</sup> for Stop Hunger Now. Forty to fifty volunteers are needed to assemble 10,000 food bags for distribution in famine stricken areas around the world. If you have a passion to put an end to world hunger, please sign up in the church office to work in a time slot from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. You may call the church office 739-3304 or email [dbvalenti@nc.rr.com](mailto:dbvalenti@nc.rr.com). To assemble the food bags, five or six volunteers at each table place a scoop of rice, soy, vitamins and minerals and flavor packet in a funnel with a plastic bag attached. The meals cost 25 cents each and our goal is 10,000 meals. When you contribute as a sponsor to the youth's 30 hour famine, you are helping to purchase meals. When you bring your offering of 30 pieces of silver to the altar on Palm Sunday you will be helping to purchase meals and sponsor mission work team members to Jamaica.

This mission activity needs helping hands with compassion for the hungry in the world, financial support, and prayer. Please consider serving in a sacrificial way for this important mission during the season of Lent.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Camp Rockfish Clean-up**

**Thursday, March 26.....leaving at 8:00 a.m. from the church office!!!!**

## Prayer Concerns

Tom Long, John McLellan, Lib Culbreth, Helen Sharpe, Tom Collins, Mary Stephens Townsend, Sonny Duncan, Bobby Williams, Margaret B. White, Lynda Price, David Thaggard, Breck Regan, Karen Fisher, Robert Stone, Sam Smith, Glenn Strickland, Vernon Cline, Rena Hausmann, Frank Powers, Bob Bland, Mrs. Jason Lowry (Jane West's mother), Peggy Morris, Wallace Prevatte (Marilyn Whitley's brother), Karen Brown (164 Cantrell Ridge Dr., Bolling Springs, S. C. 29316), Guy Sinclair, Pearl Bowen (Margaret O. White's sister). Call Helen Wehunt at (735-0924) if you have a prayer request or wish to add someone to the list.

Hermitage Retirement Center: Sara Stansel (Room 5 East)

Wesley Pines Retirement Center: Mary Fuller, Mary McLean, Rosa Hunnings, Lois Huggins

Golden Living Center: Pete Cline (Room 402)

Duke Medical Center, Durham, NC: Susan McCray (Room #3114)

Missionaries: Rev. & Mrs. Herbert Zigbuo, Dept. of Vocational Education; United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 10-1010; Monrovia, Liberia

Military: Major George B. Brown III, HHC, DSTB, ICD (CMD GRP), APO AE 09344; Raymond Martinez, HQ MNC-1, XVIII Airborne Corps, APO AE 09342.



### Wednesday Evening Game Night

**March 25, Asbury Hall**

All ages come for food and fun. Rhonda Fisher and Gaynelle Patterson will be heading up this FUN night. Pizza/Salad will be served at 6:00. Activities will begin at 6:30-7:15. Call the church office to sign up for the meal.

### Wednesday Evening Catered Meal - Wesley Hall - 6:00

**March 25 Menu:** Salad, Turkey/Dressing, Collards, Yams, Dessert, Beverage

### Children in Sunday School

A reminder to help "fill your class jar with marbles" by attending Sunday School, bringing your offering, bringing your Bible, and learning your Bible verse. Let's see which class can fill their container first!

### Coming in April

Preschool-Kindergarten Choir

Each Sunday following the Children's time in worship.

Call Jan to see how you may help.

### Financials as of February 28, 2009

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Revenues	\$36,414.37	\$84,624.13
Expenses	<u>\$43,910.93</u>	<u>\$95,233.47</u>
Over/under	- \$ 7,496.56	- \$10,609.34

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

**Attention High School Seniors and College Students:** The deadline for scholarship applications is Thursday, April 30, 2009. Please get a copy of the application form from the church office if you are interested. Deadline for applications to be submitted - Thursday, April 20, 2009.

We extended our love and sympathy to Jean and Mac Starke at the death of her mother, Mrs. Nell Freeman on Monday, March 16, 2009.

### MEMORIALS

**In memory of Becky Baker**

**For:** Bus Fund

**Given by:** Sandy Joye

**In memory of Maxine Wimberly**

**For:** Music Fund

**Given by:** Adult Choir

**In memory of Frances Byrd**

**For:** Building Fund

**Given by:** Wesley Sunday School Class,  
Elizabeth Culbreth

**In memory of Norman Wilkins**

**For:** Building Fund

**Given by:** Mr. & Mrs. Randy Wilkins

### HONORS

**In honor of Katie Jobe**

**For:** Building Fund

**Given by:** Dr. & Mrs. Gibson Gray

**THE UNITED METHODIST MEN will  
meet Sunday morning, March 22 at 8:30  
in Asbury Hall.**